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the same in terms of giving a reliable measurement of the amount of alcohol in the blood. I hope I haven't been confusing in what I've said.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I understand. I was just going to say I know BAC is, by far, the most accurate and, as I listened to the scanner, most...most spend a lot of time running people to the hospital for the blood alcohol test so they have something to stand up, and I don't know if Senator Bromm has anything to comment on that. It looks like to me if I was a prosecutor I'd hardly ever try to use the other things other than to give an indication that you're going to have a problem and then use a blood alcohol. And I'm not a prosecutor, but I...I was trying to understand this. And I would say, in an aircraft, I don't know how you're ever going to get an accurate reading out of someone flying in an aircraft that maybe has been up and back down, hopefully safely, and then be able to have a blood alcohol. Maybe that's never prosecuted, but, anyway, those are the questions running through my mind. I'm not going to hold up the bill. I hope you work it out. But I am also generally in favor of being tougher on drunken activities and so that's where I'm at. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further debate on the advancement of LB 773. Senator Kruse, recognized to close.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate...greatly appreciate the attention that's been given to this subject because when we state legislative intent, which is what...which is what we do in certain statutes, it's important that we check back to make sure that that is actually what's being carried out in enforcement. I'm glad that others are willing to join that debate and I look forward to it being continued. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kruse. The question is, shall LB 773 be advanced to E & R Initial? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of